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subject to the same obligations imposed upon the members of the said Board and upon said joint trustees.

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§ 982.87 Effect of termination or amendment.

(a) Unless otherwise expressly provided by the Secretary, the termination of this subpart or of any regulation issued pursuant to this subpart, or the issuance of any amendment to either thereof, shall not (1) affect or waive any right, duty, obligation, or liability which shall have arisen or which may thereafter arise in connection with any provision of this subpart or any regulation issued under this subpart, or (2) release or extinguish any violation of this subpart or of any regulation issued under this subpart, or (3) affect or impair any right or remedies of the Secretary or of any other person, with respect to any such violation.

(b) All rules and regulations in this part which are in effect immediately prior to this amendment of this subpart and not inconsistent with such amendment shall continue in effect until otherwise prescribed pursuant to this subpart.

§ 982.88 Amendments.

Amendments to this subpart may be proposed, from time to time, by any person or by the Board.

Subpart—Grade and Size Regulation

§ 982.101 Grade requirements for shelled hazelnuts.

(a) Pursuant to § 982.45(a), no handler shall handle any shelled hazelnuts unless such hazelnuts meet the grade requirements for shelled hazelnuts as contained in exhibit A of this section.

(b) Pursuant to §§ 982.50(a) and 982.51(b), a handler may declare and withhold shelled hazelnuts in lieu of merchantable hazelnuts in satisfaction of the handler's restricted obligation. Shelled hazelnuts so declared and withheld shall, in lieu of the standards prescribed in § 982.50(a)(3), meet the grade

requirements contained in exhibit A of this section.

EXHIBIT A

Grade Requirements for Shelled Hazelnuts

Hazelnut kernels or portions of hazelnut kernels shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) Well dried and clean;
- (2) Free from foreign material, mold, rancidity, decay or insect injury; and
- (3) Free from serious damage caused by serious shriveling, or other means.

Tolerances

In order to allow for variations incident to proper grading and handling the following tolerances, by weight, are permitted as specified:

- (1) For Foreign Material: 0.02 of one percent, for foreign material.
- (2) For Defects: Five percent for kernels or portions of kernels which are below the requirements of this grade, including not more than the following: Two percent for mold, rancidity, decay or insect injury: *Provided*, That not more than one percent shall be for mold, rancidity, or insect injury.

Definitions

- (1) *Well dried* means that the kernels are firm and crisp, not containing more than 6 percent moisture.
- (2) *Clean* means practically free from plainly visible adhering dirt or other foreign material.
- (3) *Foreign material* means any substance other than the hazelnut kernels, or portions of kernels. (Loose skins, pellicles or corky tissue which have become separated from the kernels shall not be considered as foreign material, provided that this material does not exceed .02 of one percent by weight.)
- (4) *Serious damage* means any specific defect described in this section, or any equally objectionable variation of any one of these defects, or any other defects, or any combination of defects, which seriously detracts from the appearance or the edible or marketing quality of the individual portion of the kernel or of the lot as a whole. The following defects shall be considered as serious damage.
 - (i) *Serious shriveling* means when the kernel is seriously shrunken, wrinkled and tough.
 - (ii) *Mold* means that there is a visible growth of mold either on the outside or inside of the kernel.
 - (iii) *Rancidity* means that the kernel is noticeably rancid to the taste. An oily appearance of the flesh does not necessarily indicate a rancid condition.
 - (iv) *Decay* means that any portion of the kernel is decomposed.

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(v) *Insect injury* means that the insect, frass or web is present, or the kernel or portion of kernel show definite evidence of insect feeding.

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EDITORIAL NOTE: After January 1, 1979, "Budget of Expenses and Rate of Assessment" regulations (e.g., sections .300 through .399) and "Marketing percentage" regulations (e.g., sections .200 through .299) which are in effect for a year or less, will not be carried in the Code of Federal Regulations. For FEDERAL REGISTER citations affecting these regulations, see the List of CFR Sections Affected, which appears in the Finding Aids section of the printed volume and on GPO Access.

Subpart—Assessment Rates

§ 982.340 Assessment rate.

On and after July 1, 2000, an assessment rate of \$0.005 per pound is established for Oregon and Washington hazelnuts.

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Subpart—Administrative Rules and Regulations

SOURCE: 26 FR 4191, May 16, 1961, unless otherwise noted. Redesignated at 26 FR 12751, Dec. 30, 1961.

§ 982.446 Inspection documentation.

Pursuant to § 982.46(b), handlers are required to use the following identification on bags and cartons of 25 pounds or larger capacity which contain certified hazelnuts:

(a) The words "This Produce Inspected and Certified Per Federal Marketing Order No. 982" shall be contained within an outline of the combined States of Oregon and Washington; and

(b) This identification shall be printed on the upper right quarter of the printed side of a bag; or

(c) This identification shall be printed on the upper right quarter of one of the side panels of a carton.

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§ 982.450 Application of restricted obligation.

(a) Each handler required to withhold restricted hazelnuts pursuant to § 982.50

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or § 982.51 shall hold such hazelnuts separate from all other hazelnuts and shall maintain the identity of each lot so withheld. The restricted product withheld must be reported to the Board on F/H Form 1d, Restricted Inshell Certified.

(b) Each handler making the election pursuant to § 982.50(c) in connection with certified merchantable hazelnuts which have not been handled, shall thereupon give written notification to the Board on F/H Form 4 of the particular election and of the weight and identity of the hazelnuts involved.

(c) Pursuant to § 982.50(d), a handler may withdraw from withholding restricted hazelnuts in excess of such handler's restricted obligation upon advising the Board of the weight and lot identity of the hazelnuts to be withdrawn. When the quantity of restricted hazelnuts to be withdrawn from withholding consists of a part of a lot of ungraded hazelnuts, no part of such lot shall be withdrawn unless the remainder of such lot is reinspected and meets the requirements of § 982.51. Handlers will use F/H Form 1d prior to the end of the marketing year or F/H Form 7 after the end of the marketing year, when reporting the withdrawal of restricted hazelnuts from withholding status.

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§ 982.452 Disposition of restricted hazelnuts.

(a) *Shelling.* (1) Any person desiring to shell restricted hazelnuts during a fiscal year may do so upon being designated by the Board as an authorized sheller for such year. Application for such designation shall be made in duplicate on F/H Form B and include, in addition to the conditions specified in § 982.52(a), the following: (i) The location of the applicant's shelling operation; (ii) the number of years such person has operated a hazelnut shelling plant; and (iii) the daily (8-hour) shelling capacity of the plant. Designation of an authorized sheller shall be effected by the board manager signing the application form and returning a signed copy of the form to the applicant. Each such designation shall continue in effect during the particular fiscal year so long as the authorized